

SENATE BILL 586

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-5-113, relative to health care provider bills as evidence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 24-5-113(a)(1)(3), is amended by deleting the language "four thousand dollars (\$4,000)" and by substituting instead the language "eight thousand dollars (\$8,000)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated Section 24-5-113(b), is further amended by deleting the current language in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) In addition to the procedures described in subsection (a), in all actions in this state, it shall be presumed that all charges for medical treatment by a licensed health care provider, hospital, pharmacist or other licensed health care entity are reasonable and customary charges for the services provided. The presumption granted by this subsection may be rebutted by a party challenging the reasonableness of the charges with competent proof to the contrary established by a preponderance of the evidence.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.